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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: A. Vo
TSUNENORI SOMA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2861
Application No.: 10/772,361	)	
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Filed: February 6, 2004	)	
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For: LIQUID APPLICATOR AND	)	
LIQUID SUPPLY METHOD TO	:	
BE USED IN LIQUID	)	
APPLICATOR	:	June 21, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE  
AND  
STATEMENT SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2007, the period for response to which has been extended by the accompanying Petition for Extension Of Time.

## STATEMENT SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW

Applicant's undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Vo for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during a telephone interview conducted on June 21, 2007. A statement summarizing the interview follows.

During the interview, it was explained that the applied Ayata patent is directed to a droplet ejection apparatus usable, for example, in a photocopying apparatus. Droplets are ejected in accordance with laser pulses L<sub>ZP</sub> emitted from a laser head L<sub>ZH</sub>. The laser head L<sub>ZH</sub> causes emission of the laser pulses L<sub>ZP</sub> in accordance with electrical signals obtained from photosensor array CS, which in one embodiment (see column 19) is composed of a plurality of photoelectric transducing elements for time-sequential processing of electric signals obtained when the photocopying apparatus scans an original document.

It was therefore agreed that laser head L<sub>ZH</sub> is not a liquid ejection section, that laser pulses L<sub>ZP</sub><sup>1/</sup> are not liquid ejection nozzles, and that photosensor array CS is not an information recording body, as otherwise stated at page 3 of the rejection.

It was further agreed that the rejection over Ayata would be withdrawn, and such action is respectfully requested at this time.

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<sup>1/</sup>Page 3 of the Office Action refers to a liquid ejection nozzle "LGP". The letters "LGP" cannot be found in Ayata, and it is thought that this was a typographical error for "L<sub>ZP</sub>", as explained above.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. O'Neill", is written over a horizontal line.

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